

### **REMARKS**

Applicants elect the claims of Species I, claims 16-17, 29, and 58 drawn to an LCD. The election is with traverse because the claims of Species I and II should be considered together because they share common features, and no serious burden is imposed upon the Examiner.

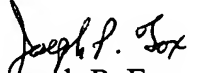
To the contrary, it appears as though no serious burden exists because the same, or very similar search is required for a proper examination of all of the claims of the two species. Both of the species require similar elements, namely a pair of substrates, a liquid crystal arranged between the pair of substrates, a plurality of stripe electrodes in alignment layer formed in one of the substrates, and an insulating or dielectric layer, for example. Therefore, minimal, if any additional searching would be required if all of the claims of both species were examined together. Such a search would not pose a serious burden on the Examiner. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the separation of Species I and II be withdrawn and that all of the claims in these Species be examined together.

In view of the above-identified election and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the issues raised in the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004 have been addressed. In the event that the Examiner determines that there are additional issues which

may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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